

LEONARD FAVORITE IN BOUT WITH CHAMPION WELSH—LIVE TOPICS OF OTHER SPORTS

BENNY LEONARD WILL BE FAVORITE OVER WELSH IN TONIGHT'S MILL AT GARDEN

Sensational Battle Expected When Lightweight King Faces Clever Opponent

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

FOR the first time in many years Freddy Welsh, lightweight champion, will be on the short end of the betting when he meets Benny Leonard at the Garden tonight.



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Billy Gibson's latest sensation already has been awarded the title by the wise citizens who vote in the village near Brooklyn, and many wagers have been made with reckless abandon. A sensational battle is expected, and another Willard-Moran turn-out is predicted on all sides.

This is the first real scrap Freddy will indulge in since winning the crown from Williams in London two years ago. The Bear Old Public was getting tired of his tango performance with carefully selected pork and bean athletes in various parts of the country, and the champion virtually was forced into the match. However, Freddy is in excellent condition, his wind is good and he has developed a strong pair of legs in these no decision pink ties.

There will be plenty of action in tonight's scrap, and the fate of boxing in New York hangs in the balance. Agitation over the Willard-Moran fight continues, and although the majority of those present Saturday night were convinced that both men did their best, the foes of the fist art are doing their best to convince them that they can't believe what they see. At any rate, the cash customers now are getting dubious about the world's championship contests, and will carefully scrutinize every action of the performers this evening. There is no doubt but that the boxers will do their best.

If Freddy Welsh puts up one of his usual Philadelphia performances, he is done as a drawing card in the big league. But if he fights the way he did against Frankie Whitney in New York last Friday night he is bound to regain some of his lost popularity. Freddy stopped Whitney in five rounds and acted like a regular knockout artist. He took a punch to land one, was constantly on top of his foe and never let up on the stam-bang stuff until the referee called a halt.

Leonard Has Wallop

Leonard is clever, has a knockout wallop concealed in either hand and always gives the spectators a run for their money. He is popular in New York, and his followers are confident he will slip over the haymaker before the battle is over.

It is his ability to punch hard that has made Leonard the favorite in the title tilt tonight. When he knocked out Joe Mandet and followed it by stopping Joe Welsh, Phil Bloom, Jimmy Murphy and Henry Jennings in the ring, he has remained ever since. He has been clamoring for a match with Welsh, and now that his wish has been gratified he probably will make the most of it.

McGuigan Has New One

Jack McGuigan will spring another new one tomorrow night in Billy De Foe, of St. Paul. Mr. De Foe appears in the windup of an all-star show, and is slated to go on with Eddie Morgan, of England. Morgan made a favorable debut last week ago, when he boxed six sensational sessions with Irish Patsy Cline. On paper it looks like a good bout. Tommy Buck, who has been "testing" here for the last eight weeks, gets his first chance to show how he has improved when he makes his bow in the semi-windup with Eddie Wallace.

Johnny Tillman, of Minneapolis, who is said to have defeated Al Wolfart and other well-known boxers, also makes his initial appearance. He will mix it up with Buck Fleming in the third bout. K. O. Sullivan, of Allentown, and K. O. Baker, of Wilmington, two slugging, hard-hitting middleweights, will fight it out in one of the earlier bouts.

Two bantams will endeavor to make good at the Olympia next Monday night and put forth their best efforts to regain the laurels they lost at that club. They are Pete Herman, who held Kid Williams to a draw and later was outpointed by Lew Tendler, and Eddie O'Keefe, who boxed for nothing the last time he was on the card. The boys are evenly matched and a fast bout should result. The windup also should be good, as Benny Kaufman,

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Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bout Last Night

BROADWAY—Stanley Hincle won from Mickey Gallagher. Dan Donfarth was forced to quit in the fourth round because of a knock-out. In the fourth, Tommy Jamison knocked out Jack Dawson in the second round. McLaughlin outboxed Willie Benker, later stopped Sammy Samson in the first.

NEW YORK—Pete Flynn defeated Jack Reed, while Holder outpointed Jack Irving. Jerome Kite knocked out Jack Horke, Tom Heagle and Charles Hayes. Harry Williams quit to Johnny Carter in the first.

BOSTON—Tom McMahon drew with Terry Reilly.

YORK—Johnny Gill won from K. O. Samsom. Al Wagner defeated Jimmy Mase.

NORTHAMPTON—Eddie Byrns, Joe Evanson outboxed Joe Rivers, Eddie Dorsey knocked out Young Josie in the ninth round.

who has been striving for some time for a bout with a top-notch, line-up against Lew Tendler. There is quite a little local interest in this match and the gate should profit greatly thereby. The other events look good.

Pop O'Brien, our active and industrious referee, has matched Jack McCarron and Eddie Levoire to meet in the final act of his show at Northampton next Tuesday night. Pop is doing all of the work at the club now, and promises to have an excellent preliminary card to precede the windup.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

Eight fans have been struck by a mighty tough problem for Friday night. With four boxing promotions it seems hard to decide which is the best. In the war scrap on the "City" club, there are professional programs, while other bouts are on the docket at the Gayety Theatre.

George Decker's second show at his Lincoln arena has Young Jack O'Brien, of North Penn, as principal in the feature. Frank Joe Decker, who has been boxing a sleep clinic on Howard Truesdale at the Non-Stop Club, will appear in the main event. Eddie Kelly, of New York, will take on Doug Fleming.

Two-night boxers have developed in Philadelphia. Last weekend the early part of the week, it is understood that neither dropped off in the top of City Hall, hence the probability of matches in the near future with Kilbane and White as co-dabbers.

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Battling Levinsky and Jack Dillon came very near meeting in Milwaukee promoter wanted to rematch them for the "th" but the offer because of the hand, suffered in his last tilt with the Hoosier.

Al McCoy, the middleweight champion "Lemon" and New Al McCoy seem to be very near meeting in Philadelphia whenever they answer the bell.

Lakewood, N. J., may become a haven for boxers in training. Charles Seibert, who had Jimmy Murphy in the Jersey arena for a week, says it is a great place for work-outs. Ted Lewis is getting in shape at Lakewood for his "world title" championship fight at New Orleans April 2.

BOWIE, MD., ENTRIES FOR TOMORROW

First race, maiden 2-year-olds, 4 furlongs—Dr. Nelson, 112; Asper, 112; Alford, 112; Wainman, 112; My Girl, 106; Dandy F23, 112; Postano, 112; Grand Jury, 112; Kallina, 112.

Great race, selling, 3-year-olds and up, 5 1/2 furlongs—Galewinette, 102; Freda Johnson, 109; Tribou, 110; Martin Casanova, 110; 114; Chesterton, 116; Water Lily, 121; Lily Gome, 107; Phil Unger, 110; Between Us, 110; Kay, 112; Ed Weiss, 110; Frank, 111; "Ina Girl," 112; "The Trio," 110; "Scraper," 108; "Hamulation," 108; Southern Gold, 117; Doctor Kendall, 117; Anson, 113; "Captain Ed," 112; "The Trio," 110; "Scraper," 108; Outlook, 108; Hiker, 106. Also eligible to start in order named: Belmont, 110; Kinder Lou, 108; Deduction, 114.

Fourth race, the Inaugural Handicap, 3-year-olds and up, 7 furlongs, out of the clubhouse—111; Brown's Edge, 105; Judge Wright, 104; Redland, 99; Republican, 108; Fair Helen, 103.

Fifth race, selling, 4-year-olds and up, mile and 70 yards—Marathon, 113; "Rustling Blues," 111; "Bard," 113; "Nannie McDee," 108; "Bart," 111; "Bend," 111; "Tom Jones," 106.

Sixth race, selling, 4-year-olds and up, mile and 70 yards—110; "The Trio," 110; "Scraper," 108; "Hamulation," 108; Southern Gold, 117; Doctor Kendall, 117; Anson, 113; "Captain Ed," 112; "The Trio," 110; "Scraper," 108; Outlook, 108; Hiker, 106. Also eligible to start in order named: Belmont, 110; Kinder Lou, 108; Deduction, 114.

Seventh race, selling, 3-year-olds and up, mile and 70 yards—Lucky George, 111; "Jabot," 111; Miss Waters, 108; Cal, Gustling, 108; Rose Juliette, 108; Richard Landson, 113; "Harry Leuler," 108; Kowles, 106; "Larkin," 98.

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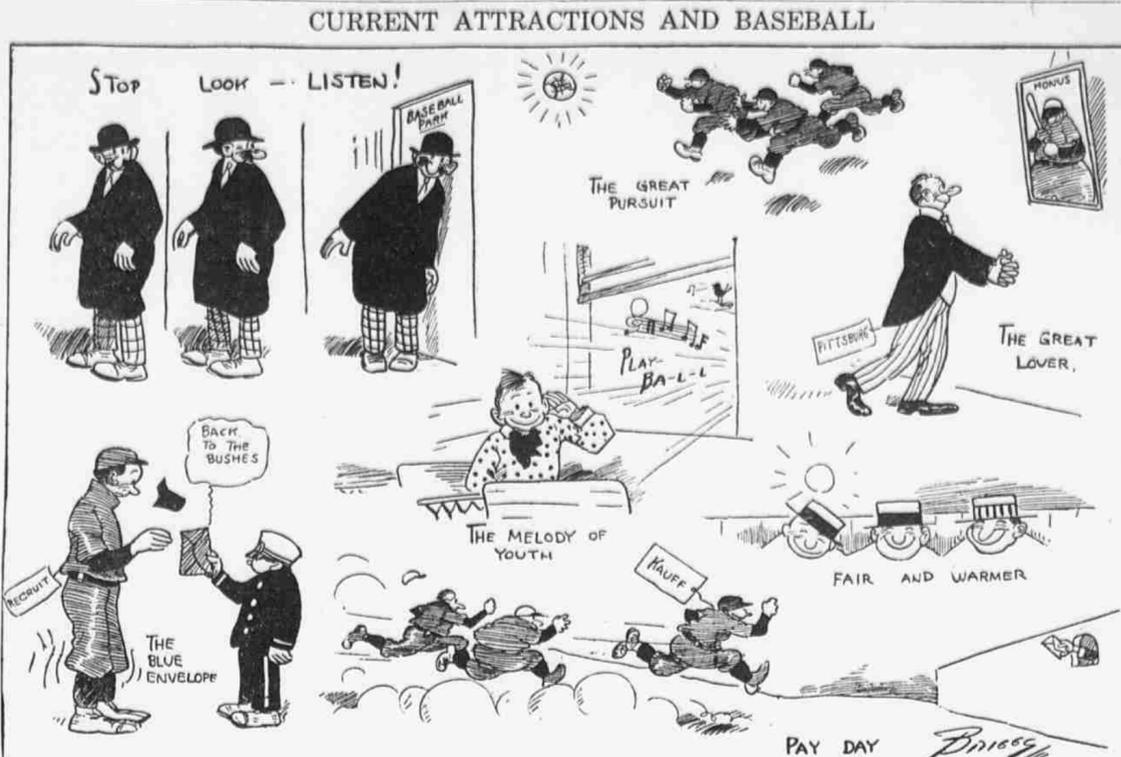
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MARTIN SHERIDAN HAS DISCOVERED NEW WHITE HOPE

Declares He Has Discovered a Clever Boy 7 Feet 2 Inches Tall

Martin Sheridan, the many times world's champion with the discus and national all-around titleholder in 1905, 1907 and 1909, and conceded to be a man who can tell an athlete when he sees one, is authority for the statement that he has a "white hope" who overshadows in stature and from every other standpoint any man who has ever shown any athletic predilections.

A son of the "Ould Sod" and a fellow townsman of the redoubtable Martin, from Bohola, County Mayo, this "broth of a by" stands 7 feet 2 inches in "his pelt" and scales 272 pounds. He has a 52-inch chest measurement and is built in proportion throughout. Michael Greahill is the name of the "pigmy," and he admits having just celebrated his 24th birthday.

"The lad," as Martin calls him, came here when he was 14 years of age, being only 6 feet 2 inches in height at that time, and as he was growing his athletic education was somewhat neglected; but the one-time world's champion states that he is putting him through a course of sprouts in the weights, and that he will make his debut at the games of the Monument Club, in Celtic Park, Sunday, May 7.

"He's so enormous," said Martin, "that I can walk under his arms when he has been outstretched, and as I am six feet tall it is easy to understand what a tremendous height he is. His reach is exactly 93 inches, which, when compared with that of Jess Willard, which is 83 inches, shows considerable difference.

"If I'm any judge of an athlete in embryo," said Sheridan, "this fellow should make one of the greatest men in the world at anything of a competitive nature. He's as quick on his feet as any man of his size might be expected to be, and has plenty of 'get-up-and-go' in his makeup. And the fact that he's an Irishman answers the question as to his gameness. At the present time neither of us contemplates his entering the boxing game, but—"

NEWS FROM THE BOWLING ALLEYS

Two more bowling championships were decided last night. The Retail Credit team proved its superiority in the Strawbridge & Clothier League. Agassiz pulled that trick by snatching the honor of first position from the Pirates, who led from the start until the last night of the tourney, only to have the championship wrestled from their grasp. This feat was in Keystone League, Section A. The feat was in Keystone League, Section A. The feat was in Keystone League, Section A.

The German-American League series also has been concluded with the Anti-Calden team again winning the title, routing out Mutual by a single game.

Most of the teams will enter the local city championships of the Atlantic Coast and National associations. In this way the idea of the strength of the various organizations can be made, that is, if the present make-up of the squads is retained.

Retail Credit concluded its season in a blaze of glory on Casino Alley last night by sweeping all three games with Wholesale team. The champions, as a whole, rolled consistent tenpins. Truitt alone reached better than 200 in any of the three games, his 211 in the final contest being high single game for the champions.

Accounts, runners-up, faltered and dropped a game to Jeweler. However, it did not affect the final standing. Rugs made sure of third position by defeating Clothing in the final three games. Kups compiled a 212 score in his first game, and concluded with 199 and 190. Men's Furnishing beat Contract two games. Tull's last effort was 211 for Furnishing.

Captain Charles Lambert is pleased at the Anti-Calden team's success in regaining the leading position in the German-American tourney. He cracked out a 210 total in his second game against Quartet.

Pracht, of the Kensington International Benevolent mutual, got scores of 189, 201 and 238 against Mutual.

Mutual registered 937 in its last game against K. J. B. A. Of this total Finley contributed 203, Wagner 179, Rinal 139, Langan 200 and Wier 210.

Agassiz showed a 973 total against the Pirates' 961 in the first game of their deciding series on Keystone Alley last night. Billy Knox was high in this game for the winners, with 244, while Duffy knocked down 214, Burhill 108, Fick 191 and Rhoads 150. Three of the Pirates ran over the 200 mark, the scores being: Gannon, 201; Mills, 200; Sayre, 172; Fricke, 212, and Duncan, 161.

The second game, which enabled Agassiz to tie the Pirates for first place, was won by a pin margin, the total team score being 876 to 875. The deciding game was won by Agassiz, 921 to 887.

Helmolt, of Rexalls, scattered the maple for 245 in his second game, while Knooder, of the same quintet, scattered a 224 count.

Hughes, of Bellevue, rolled his best game in his final match, 329.

Edouard came back strong after dropping the first game of its all-important series to Actives in Keystone, Section B, last night.

Metelmann, of Boosters, got 232 in his last game against the Brown-Moore team.

The Atlantic Coast series is scheduled to start in Washington, D. C., on Monday evening next.

EDDIE MCNICHOLO RE-ELECTED CAPTAIN OF PENN'S QUINTET

Leader for 1917 Five Gives Players Much Credit for Last Season

Eddie McNichol, Penn captain this season and one of the leading factors in the team's winning of the Intercollegiate League championship, has been re-elected to lead the Quaker quintet next year. It will be McNichol's third year on the varsity five. The election was held at a banquet last night. Eddie was nosed out for individual scoring honors for the season by Kinney, of Yale, after he had been on top until the last week of the season.

Speaking of the general all-round showing of the team this year, McNichol gave his teammates all the credit at the banquet. He said: "It's not one or two men who win the basketball games, but all five who are playing. All the members of the team should receive the same amount of credit, as they all are deserving of it."

Not only is McNichol a basketball player, but he is a star on the diamond as well, having played on the varsity nine last year. It is hardly possible this season that he will be able to play baseball on account of the strenuous work in the engineering school. He is a junior in the engineering school and a member of the S. A. E. fraternity. He is a son of Senator James P. McNichol and a graduate of La Salle College.

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OESCHGER DOES WELL ON MOUND FOR REGULARS

Outpitches Adams and Holds Philly Yanigans to Five Safe Hits

CHIEF BENDER IS UMP

By a Staff Correspondent
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 31.—The regular forces of General Pat Moran outmaneuvered the Reserve in a friendly five-inning tilt at Coffee Pot Park yesterday by a score of 9 to 2. Chief Bender acted as master of ceremonies.

Joe Oeschger, twirling for the first string, outpitched Karl Adams, who labored for the scrubs, allowing five hits, issuing two passes and retiring five on strikes, while Adams was touched for six safeties, walked two batters, hit one with what would have been the fourth ball and fanned two. The volunteers were guilty of only one error, while the regulars were charged with two.

The Yanigans scored in the opening inning, when with two down Good doubled to left. Weiser was rewarded by waiting, and when Burns threw wildly in an attempt to catch Good stealing, Withers continued to the plate. Byrne died, Stock to Luderus.

THE PATHS OF GLORY, ETC.

Much Fanfare at Chicago to Celebrate Winning of Fed Pennant

CHICAGO, March 31.—President Weeghman announced today the Federal League pennant, won by his Chicago Whites, will be raised at the Cub park. Regular flag-raising ceremonies—bands, parade and speckmaking will accompany the event which will be held probably in July.

Keickhefer Loses to Jones

Frank Jones was in great form last night and defeated "Augie" Keickhefer, of Chicago, in the Interstate Three Cushion Billiard League series, 50 to 35, at the Regent Academy.

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